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1. DEPT ASSUMES COLOMBIAN AMENDMENT (REFTEL) WOULD APPORTION 5 PERCENT OF UNRWA BUDGET TO REGULAR UN BUDGET AND HAVE SYG REDUCE EXPENSES FROM REGULAR BUDGET IN 74-75 BIENNIUM BY AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO THIS UNRWA AMOUNT. THIS WOULD RESULT IN NO INCREASED OVERALL COST TO USG BUT WOULD HELP UNRWA marginally TO MEET ITS CURRENT FINANCIAL CRISIS AND TEND SHARE SOME OF BURDEN WITH WHOLE UN MEMBERSHIP.

2. NEVERTHELESS, DEPT CONCERNED THAT ADOPTION OF COLOMBIAN AMENDMENT COULD PROVIDE STIMULUS THROUGHOUT UN SYSTEM TO PROCESS OF CONVERTING VOLUNTARY FUNDING IN WHOLE OR IN PART TO FUNDING OUT OF REGULAR BUDGET. IN SUCH CASES, WE RISK LOSING INFLUENCE OVER OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THOSE FUNDS. WE HAVE UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM PARTICULARLY IN
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3. ACCORDINGLY, USDEL SHOULD OPPOSE COLOMBIAN AMENDMENT
ON GROUND THAT IT WOULD REPRESENT FIRST STEP TOWARD FUNDA-
MENTAL CHANGE IN FINANCING OF UNRWA WITHOUT RESOLVING BASIC
PROBLEM OF INADEQUATE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THOSE
IN POSITION TO HELP. RUSH

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